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DEPT PASS US CUSTOMS SERIVCE FOR COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS ACREE;
INFO ADDRESSEES FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHES - FROM USDEL PTC WORKING
PARTY ON CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL: ACTION AGAINST CUSTOMS
OFFENSES,INCLUDING SMUGGLING OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

1. BY NEARLY UNANIMOUS DECISION,THE WORKING PARTY ON CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL INCLUDED IN
THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ONMUTUAL CUSTOMS ASSISTANCE
AN EXTENSIVE SPECIAL ANNEX ON ASSISTANCE IN ACTION AGAINST THE
SMUGGLING OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.
ALTHOUGH THE UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS,DUE TO WORKLOAD
AND SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES WAS UNABLE TO BE REPRESENTED
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AT THE WORKING PARTY MEETING,THE DIVISION DID SUBMIT A CONSTRUCTIVE

PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WORKING PARTY.
THE DIVISION POINTED OUT THAT, IN ITS VIEW, THE SPECIAL
ANNEX IMPLEMENTS AND COMPLEMENTS IN A SPECIFIC FIELD THE
PROVISIONS OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS,
1961, AND THE 1971 CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.
THE DIVISION ALSO MADE SEVERAL DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS WHICH
WERE ADOPTED BY THE WORKING PARTY. ONE OF THESE SPECIFICALLY
WROTE "THE COMPETENT BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS" INTO THE
TEXT OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION AS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
WHICH WOULD RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE COUNCIL UNDER THE
POOLING-OF-INFORMATION SYSTEM PROVIDED FOR IN THE NARCOTICS
ANNEX.

2. THE WORKING PARTY WHICH MET AT COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS
SEPTEMBER 6-7 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR K. FUCHS
(AUSTRIA), WITH BROAD REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER-
SHIP, SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED WORK ON THE DRAFT OF THE
CONVENTION WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE PERMANENT
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (PTC) OF THE COUNCIL AT ITS DECEMBER
MEETING. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT FURTHER WORK ON THE
DRAFT WILL BE DONE BY THE WORKING PARTY IN FEBRUARY AND
BY THE PTC AT ITS MAY MEETING BEFORE IT IS CONSIDERED
BY THE COUNCIL IN JUNE 1977.

3. THE DRAFT CONSISTS OF A MAIN BODY OF RULES AND EIGHT
PROCEDURAL ANNEXES, WHICH MAY BE ACCEPTED INDIVIDUALLY.
THE ANNEXES COVER THE FULL RANGE OF CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.
IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIAL NARCOTICS ANNEX AND ANNEXES
COVERING THE OTHER USUAL CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AREAS,
THE DRQFT ALSO INCLUDES A POOLING-OF-INFORMATION SYSTEM
FOR GENERAL SMUGGLING AND CUSTOMS FRAUD.

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